

## Oyster Task Force Meeting

January 10, 2012

### I. Roll Call-Meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m.

#### Present:

Shane Bagala	Byron Enclade	Brad Robin
Mark Schexnyder	Jakov Jurisic	Al Sunseri
Glenn Cambre	Scott Keller in for Major Sammy Martin	John Tesvich
Wilbert Collins	Karl Morgan	Sam Slavich
Dan Coulon	Buddy Pausina	Mike Voisin
Jerome Zeringue		

#### Absent:

Dana Brocato  
David Deere  
Peter Vujnovich

Al Sunseri made a motion that we send a notice out to all organizations represented on the task force reminding them to attend meetings. Mike Voisin second. Motion carries.

John Tesvich asked that we also send out letters to OCPR and the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities to see who they would like to send as their representative

### II. Approval of November 15, 2011 minutes-Mike Voisin motion to approve minutes, second by Wilbert Collins, motion carries.

### III. Treasury Report

- A. Oyster Tag Sales-November tag sales were 115,504.
- B. LOTF Financial Report-Motion by Mike Voisin to adopt financial report, second by Wilbert Collins. Motion carries.

### IV. Committee Reports

- A. Public and Private Oyster Grounds Committee- Met this morning to look at amendment to seed group permit system and seed restoration set aside areas.

In reference to seed ground permits: The committee recommends adding the following; *however new applications may be accepted until 12/31/12 from such vessel owners who do not currently possess any oyster seed ground vessel permit; have never previously possessed such a permit, and with respect to whom the department makes a determination of hardship*

Al Sunseri makes a motion that this particular recommendation be accepted by the taskforce and the legislation be developed for the upcoming session, second by Wilbert Collins. Motion carries.

Motion by Al Sunseri to change the 4<sup>th</sup> word from in the recommendation from “may” to “shall” Second by Mike Voisin, Motion carries. Revised addition is. *however new applications shall be accepted until 12/31/12 from such vessel owners who do not currently possess any oyster seed ground vessel permit; have never previously possessed such a permit, and with respect to whom the department makes a determination of hardship.*

Second committee recommendation pertains to seed restoration set aside areas, *Ask LDWF to develop /expand aquaculture/mariculture nursery projects and seek legislation to allow (give authority) to LDWF to set aside areas for aquaculture/mariculture nursery projects. And identify present statute dealing with the current five acre pilot project.*

Motion by Mike Voisin to accept the recommendation as amended, second by Wilbert Collins. Motion carries.

Al Sunseri asks that it be amended and “nursery projects” be changed to “shellfish areas and shellfish initiative” in item A. of the recommendation. Dan Coulon seconds. Motion carries. Revised text is *Ask LDWF to develop /expand shellfish areas and shellfish initiatives and see legislation to allow (give authority) to LDWF to set aside areas for aquaculture/mariculture shellfish areas and shellfish initiatives. And identify present statute dealing with the current five acre pilot project.*

Mike Voisin motions to deviate from agenda and bring up item VI., Jakov Jurisic seconds. Motion carries.

Irma Espino and team from Baron and Budd presented. 300 depositions have been taken from the defendants. The judge has set up 3 stages of the trial, set for February 27<sup>th</sup>.

- B. Enforcement- Steve McManus reported about 90 citations of boats in closed areas.
- C. Legislative-Jakov had nothing to report, no pending permits to review. Legislative committee meeting tentatively scheduled to take place before next OTF meeting.
- D. Research- John Supan had nothing to report
- E. Coastal Restoration- Master Plan is coming out in January 12. Public meetings will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Comment Period open until February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Voisin asked that we schedule a meeting so that the task force can prepare some comments on the master plan before the comment period.

Mike Voisin motions that the chairman of the coastal restoration committee to meet and develop written comments on the 2012 Master Plan on behalf of the task force and present those at the public meetings. Wilbert Collins seconds. Motion carries.

Al recommended that we hold a meeting in Plaquemines parish and ask Jerome Zeringue to make a presentation there. Potential date of January 17 was suggested, at Belle Chasse Auditorium. 6 p.m.

Meeting for plan presentation moved to 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 2.

February 14<sup>th</sup> 9-12 is the next Fisheries Advisory Meeting at the CPRA Office.

F. Marketing-

G. Health-

V. Old Business

A. BP Oil Spill Remediation

1. Claims Process- (PSC, Plaintiffs Steering Committee) committee was successful in getting a 6 percent set aside of funds from anyone who settles in the future and doesn't have an attorney. If you do have an attorney it will be 4 percent.
2. Public Reef Remediation
3. Oyster Lease Remediation

VI. New Business

A. Early Restoration Plan presentation-Drue Banta

Mike Voisin made a motion to send written comment to support the state's plan for initial phase of NERDA restoration projects. Second by Dan Coulon. Motion carries.

B. Ratification of Bylaws-

Motion by Al Sunseri to modify bylaws to now say that the quorum required for the meeting is 6 not 7. Second by Wilbert, Motion carries.

C. Officer Elections

Motion to nominate John Tesvich as chairman by Jakov Jurisic, second by Wilbert Collins, motion carries.

Motion to elect Dan Coulon as Vice Chair, second by Wilbert Collins, Motion carries

Motion to nominate Al Sunseri by Byron Enclande, second by Wilbert Collins. Motion carries

Mike Voisin moves to close nominations, Dan Coulon seconds.

VII. Set Next Meeting. Next meeting set for Thursday, February 23, 2012. Health Committee meeting at 9 a.m. and Legislative Committee meeting will take place at 10 or 10:30 a.m.

VIII. Motion by Al Sunseri to allow oyster task force members that want to attend ISSC to have their travel reimbursed. Second by Dan Coulon, motion carries. It will be first week in March, probably in South Carolina.

Oyster Convention on Saturday March 10.

IX. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Mike Voisin, second by Dan Coulon. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.